

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 2.2-2012 of the Code of Virginia, relating to accessibility standards for*  
3 *information technology and telecommunications procurements.*

4 [H 1360]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 2.2-2012 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 2.2-2012. Procurement of information technology and telecommunications goods and services;  
9 computer equipment to be based on performance-based specifications.

10 A. Information technology and telecommunications goods and services of every description shall be  
11 procured by (i) VITA for its own benefit or on behalf of other state agencies and institutions or (ii) such  
12 other agencies or institutions to the extent authorized by VITA. Such procurements shall be made in  
13 accordance with the Virginia Public Procurement Act (§ 2.2-4300 et seq), *regulations that implement the*  
14 *electronic and information technology accessibility standards of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29*  
15 *U.S.C. § 794d), as amended, and any regulations as may be prescribed by VITA. In no case shall such*  
16 *procurements exceed the requirements of the regulations that implement the electronic and information*  
17 *technology accessibility standards of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.*

18 The CIO shall disapprove any procurement that does not conform to the statewide information  
19 technology plan or to the individual plans of state agencies or public institutions of higher education.

20 B. All statewide contracts and agreements made and entered into by VITA for the purchase of  
21 communications services, telecommunications facilities, and information technology goods and services  
22 shall provide for the inclusion of counties, cities, and towns in such contracts and agreements.  
23 Notwithstanding the provisions of § 2.2-4301, VITA may enter into multiple vendor contracts for the  
24 referenced services, facilities, and goods and services.

25 B1. The Department may establish contracts for the purchase of personal computers and related  
26 devices by public school teachers for use outside the classroom. The computers and related devices shall  
27 not be purchased with public funds, but shall be paid for and owned by teachers individually provided  
28 that no more than one such computer and related device per year shall be so purchased.

29 C. If VITA, or any agency or institution authorized by VITA, elects to procure personal computers  
30 and related peripheral equipment pursuant to any type of blanket purchasing arrangement under which  
31 public bodies, as defined in § 2.2-4301, may purchase such goods from any vendor following  
32 competitive procurement but without the conduct of an individual procurement by or for the using  
33 agency or institution, it shall establish performance-based specifications for the selection of equipment.  
34 Establishment of such contracts shall emphasize performance criteria including price, quality, and  
35 delivery without regard to "brand name." All vendors meeting the Commonwealth's performance  
36 requirements shall be afforded the opportunity to compete for such contracts.

37 D. This section shall not be construed or applied so as to infringe upon, in any manner, the  
38 responsibilities for accounting systems assigned to the Comptroller under § 2.2-803.

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